

## House File 469 - Introduced

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### A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring that human growth and development instruction  
2 provided by school districts include instruction on the  
3 meaning of consent.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 279.50, subsection 2, Code 2019, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Each school board shall provide age-appropriate and  
4 research-based instruction in human growth and development  
5 including instruction regarding human sexuality, self-esteem,  
6 stress management, interpersonal relationships and consent,  
7 domestic abuse, HPV and the availability of a vaccine to  
8 prevent HPV, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome as  
9 required in [section 256.11](#), in grades one through twelve.

10 Sec. 2. Section 279.50, subsection 9, Code 2019, is amended  
11 by adding the following new paragraph:

12 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* "Consent" means the unambiguous and  
13 voluntary agreement between all participants in each physical  
14 act within the course of interpersonal relationships, including  
15 respect for personal boundaries.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill provides that age-appropriate and research-based  
20 instruction in human growth and development, which each school  
21 board must provide to students enrolled in grades 1-12, must  
22 include instruction regarding consent, which is defined by  
23 the bill as the unambiguous and voluntary agreement between  
24 all participants in each physical act within the course of  
25 interpersonal relationships, including respect for personal  
26 boundaries.